

change his field from American to Asiatic botany, as a transition, worked on an account of the Boraginaceae of eastern Asia. Doctor Kobuski is concluding his studies in the American material of the troublesome, poorly understood family Theaceae. In the future he also intends to work, for the most part, on the Asiatic flora. Doctor Perry has worked on plants from New Guinea and has completed some special studies in the Myrtaceae. Doctor Shiu-ying Hu began her work as a staff member and as a specialist on the flora of China.

During the year the large store of unmounted specimens was examined methodically and appraised. Where possible the more valuable material was selected for mounting and that of little direct use to the Arboretum was set aside for use in exchange. Several large oriental collections, for the time being best kept unmounted, were sorted and stored in systematic arrangement and thus made readily available for study. The storeroom, however, still contains a great mass of collections and duplicates which can be processed only after the specimens are identified. The naming of this material should be a project of the herbarium staff during the next few years.

With the death of Alfred Rehder on July 21, 1949, the Herbarium lost a very distinguished member of its staff. The Herbarium, in many ways, is his monument. Under his administration and because of his studies, the collection grew from a few thousand sheets to the present large one of great reference value and international reputation.

The Library. — Three hundred and nine volumes were added to the library during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1950, making a total of 47,343 bound volumes. There were 287 pamphlets catalogued and filed, 604 cards were added to the main catalogue and 3,099 to the Gray Herbarium new species cards.

The inter-library loan service grows and grows; 518 books were either loaned or borrowed; loans to the business office for photostat or microfilm work were especially heavy.

Over 800 photographs taken by the horticultural staff were added to the photograph collection.

Financial report. — The Arnold Arboretum received during the year \$10,000 from the Fanny P. Mason bequest, and \$15,841 from the Louisa W. Case estate. These funds were added to endowment. Gifts for current use included \$8,159 from the Friends of the Arnold Arboretum and \$1,540 from other sources.

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